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Charles L. A. Terreni  
Chief Clerk & Administrator  
**Public Service Commission of South Carolina**  
101 Executive Center Drive  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210


RE: Request to extend the term of experimental Rate 21(A)  
Docket No. 2002-223-E

Dear Mr. Terreni:

This is to acknowledge that the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has reviewed the above referenced filing and has no objection to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's ("Company") Request to extend the term of experimental Rate 21(A). The purpose of the experiment was to determine whether a discount would encourage medium general service customers to shift peak loads to off peak periods and/or shed their peak loads. The Commission previously set the term of the experiment at forty-eight months with the period ending November 2009. Terminating Rate 21(A) could impact base rates that the Company charges other customers within the medium general service class of customers. The Company requests that Rate 21(A) be allowed to continue until the Company files notification that it intends to adjust its electric rate schedules and tariffs. ORS believes that this is reasonable and has no objection to this request.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

  
John W. Flitter  
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cc: Dan F. Arnett, Chief of Staff, SC ORS  
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